

Remarks

The amendments are being made to further clarify the invention. All of the amendments are fully supported by the specification, claims, and figures as originally filed. No new matter is believed or intended to be involved.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview with Examiner Murdough and Supervisory Patent Examiner Fischer on 10/06/2008. The interview, focused on claim 21; the Applicants presented arguments supporting patentability based on a closer review of the art of record, the application specification, and limitations of claim 21. The claims have been amended as discussed in the interview. Applicants appreciate the Examiners' indication during the interview that the present amendments appeared to overcome the rejections in the pending Office Action and have potential for successful prosecution. However, Applicants acknowledge that Examiner Murdough reserved the right to supplement his search.

To the extent that the amendments constitute a narrowing of the claims, such narrowing of the claims should not be construed as an admission as to the merits of the prior rejections. Applicants preserve all rights and arguments with respect to the prior rejections.

Based on the foregoing, all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and an early notice of allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss the amendments or arguments made herein, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (513) 651-6849 or via e-mail at bvisconte@fbtlaw.com.

Respectfully Submitted,



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